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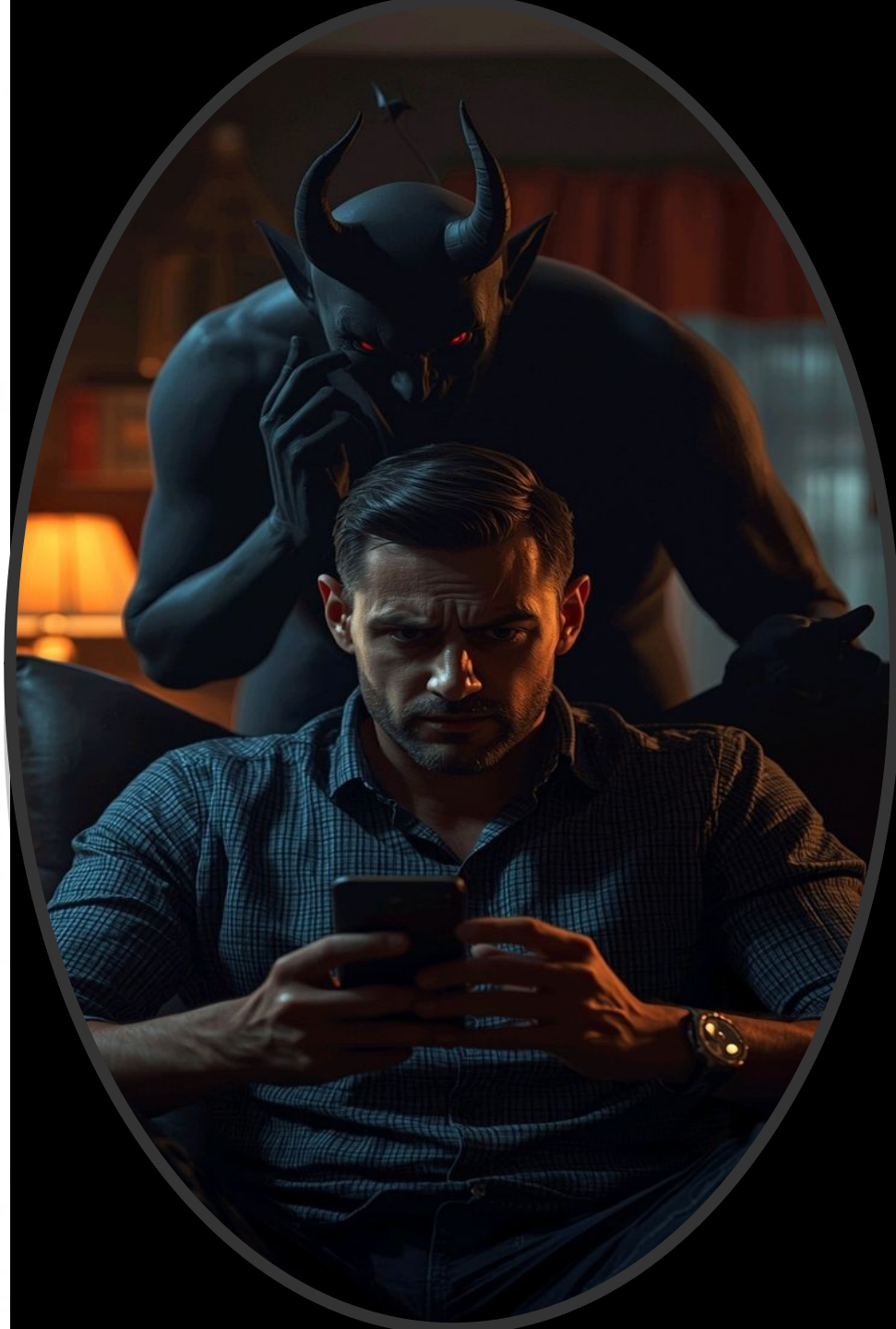

THE RESEARCH:
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THE BACKGROUND 1

Adapted from Tafsir Ibn Ashur

Themes and purpose:

This surah is a focused lesson in seeking refuge with Allah from spiritual evil. Its purpose is to teach the believer an exclusive prayer for protection against the hidden, constant whisperings of the devils and evil individuals, affirming that the complete authority of Allah (as Lord, King, and God of humanity) is the only sure defense against internal corruption.

Context of Revelation:

Era: The majority is that it is Makkan, based on its sequential relationship with Sūrat al-Falaq.

Context: The surah was revealed to instruct the Prophet (□) to pray for protection against the internal, subtle evils which corrupt the hearts of the people he was calling to faith.

Chronology: It is counted as the 21st surah in the order of revelation, revealed immediately after Sūrat al-Falaq and before Sūrat al-Ikhlāṣ.

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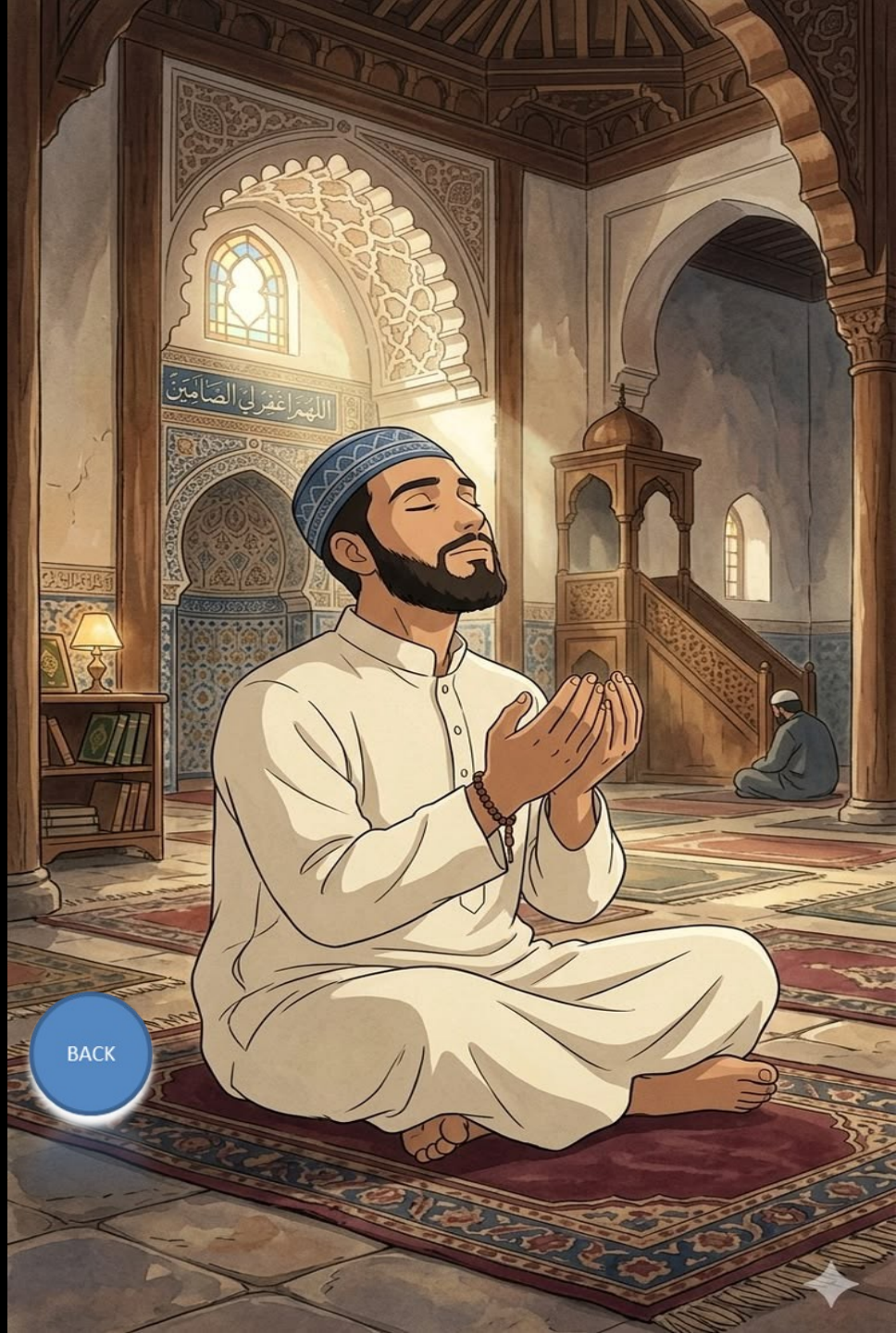
Name and Virtue

- **Name:** The surah is known as "Sūrat al-Nās" (Mankind) and by the opening ayah. The word al-nās at the end of five of its verses.

- **Virtue:** The Prophet (ﷺ) declared that no one could read anything more effective than this surah and Sūrat al-Falaq for seeking protection: together they are called "al-Muʿawwidhatān" (The Two Protectors).



Surah Overview:

- Instructing the Prophet (ﷺ) and, by extension, all Muslims to seek refuge with the Lord, King, and God of all humanity. [1-3]
- The Source of Evil: Seeking protection from the evil of the Whisperer who constantly retreats. [4]
- The Whisperer’s Identity: Clarifying that the sources of these whisperings are from among both the Jinn and humankind. [6]

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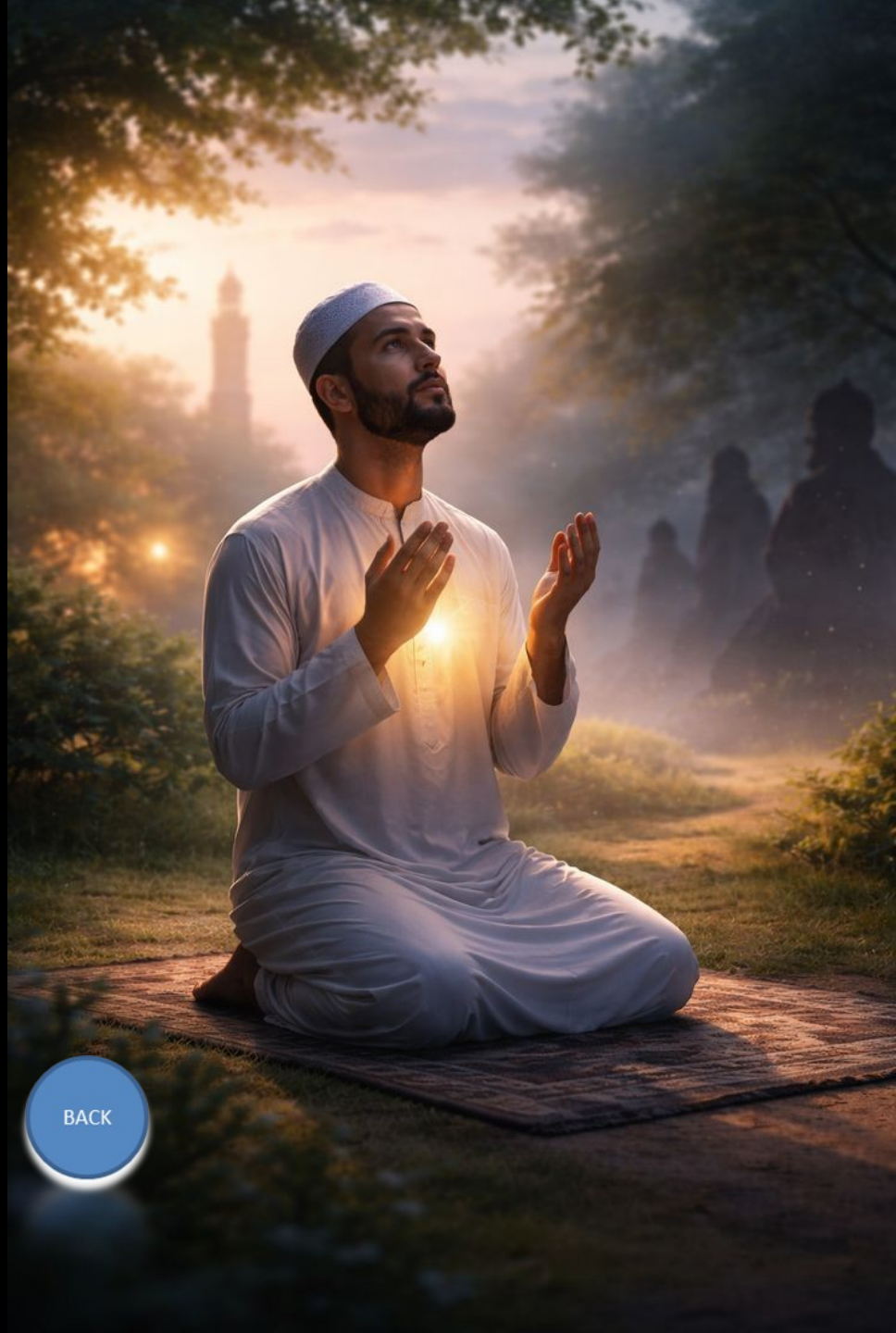
THE AYAT IN DETAILS 2

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ ٱلنَّاسِ ١

Say, “O Prophet,” “I seek refuge in the Lord of humankind,



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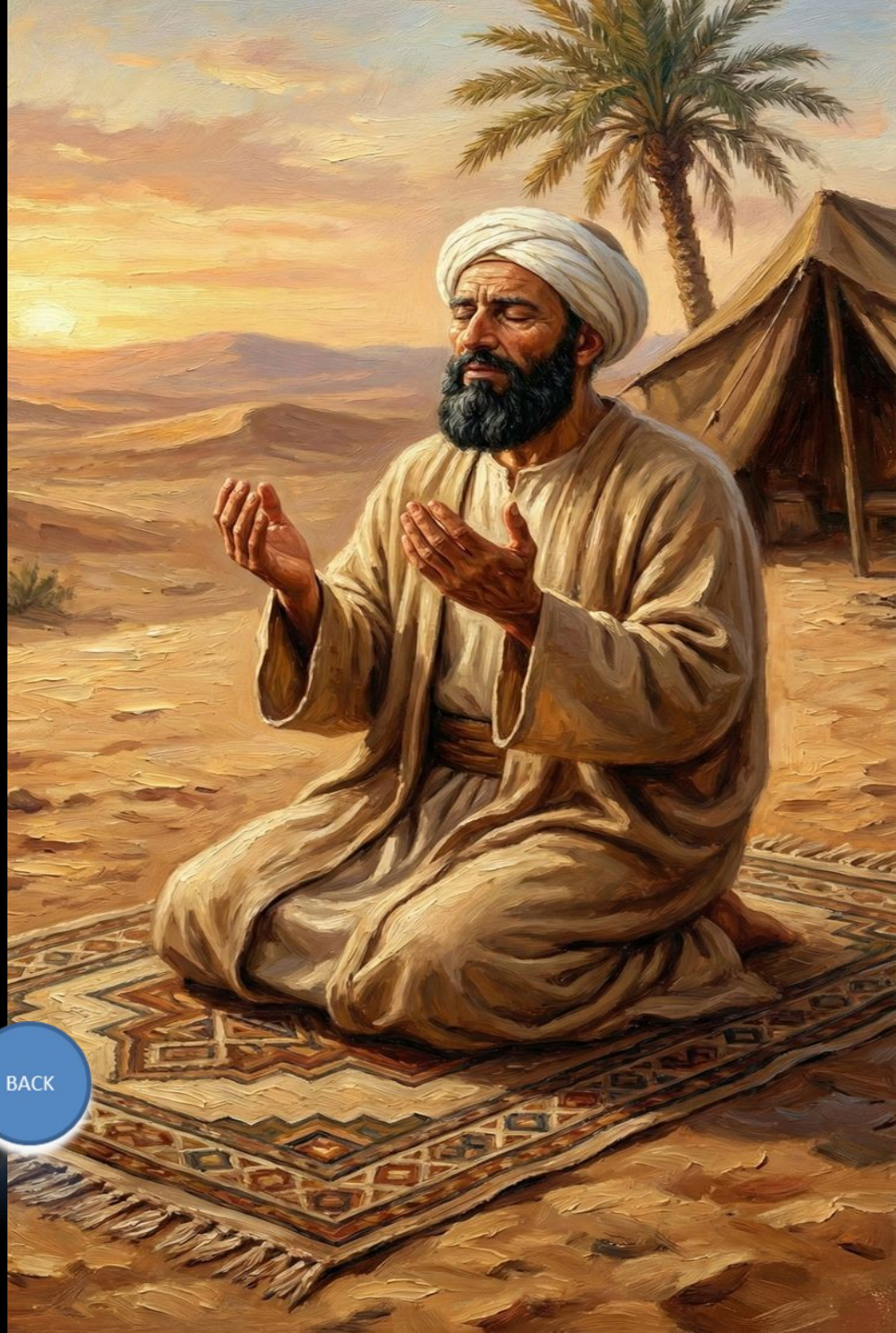
the Master of humankind,



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قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ ٱلنَّاسِ ۝١ مَلِكِ ٱلنَّاسِ ۝٢ إِلَٰهِ
ٱلنَّاسِ ۝٣ مِن شَرِّ ٱلْوَسْوَاسِ ٱلْخَنَّاسِ ۝٤ ٱلَّذِى

the God of humankind,

مِن شَرِّ ٱلۡوَسۡوَاسِ ٱلۡخَنَّاسِ ٤

from the evil of
the lurking
whisperer—

ٱلنَّاسِ ﴿٣﴾ مِن شَرِّ ٱلْوَسْوَاسِ ٱلْخَنَّاسِ ﴿٤﴾ ٱلَّذِى
يُوَسْوِسُ فِى صُدُورِ ٱلنَّاسِ ﴿٥﴾

who whispers
into the
hearts of
humankind—

مِنَ ٱلۡجِنَّةِ وَٱلنَّاسِ ٦

from among jinn and humankind.”

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EXCERCISES
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1. Remembering (Recall)

1) How many verses are there in Surah An-Nas?
2) What does the word "An-Nas" mean?
3) What does Allah command the Prophet to say at the beginning of the surah?
4) What are the three names of Allah mentioned in this surah?

1. Remembering (Recall)

5) Who is called "the whisperer"?
6) Where does the whisperer whisper?
7) What does the whisperer do when Allah is remembered?
8) Who can whisper evil thoughts according to the last verse?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

1) Why does Allah mention Himself as the Lord, King, and God of mankind?
2) Explain what is meant by "the whisperer who withdraws.“
3) Why do people need Allah's protection from hidden whispers?
4) What is the difference between whispers from humans and whispers from jinn?
5) Why is this surah considered a prayer for protection?

3. Applying

1) When should a Muslim recite Surah An-Nas?
2) How can remembering Allah protect a person from Satan's whispers?
3) If someone encourages you to do something wrong, how can the teachings of this surah help you?
4) How can you use Surah An-Nas when you feel afraid or anxious?
5) Give an example of a situation where this surah can help you make the right choice.

4. Analyzing

1) Why are the three descriptions of Allah arranged as Lord, King, and God?
2) Compare the danger of visible enemies with the danger of hidden whispers.
3) Why does the surah mention both jinn and humans as sources of evil whispers?
4) How does Satan's method of attack differ from open temptation?
5) What relationship can you find between the beginning and the ending of the surah?

5. Evaluating

1) Why is seeking Allah's protection better than relying only on yourself?
2) Which of Allah's three names in this surah gives you the greatest feeling of security? Explain your answer.
3) Why do you think Surah An-Nas is paired with Surah Al-Falaq for seeking protection?
4) Do you think hidden whispers can be more dangerous than obvious evil? Why?
5) Why is remembering Allah one of the strongest defenses against temptation?

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

1) Write a short prayer asking Allah for protection using the meanings of Surah An-Nas.
2) Create a mind map showing the main message of the surah.
3) Design a poster illustrating how a Muslim protects himself from whispers (without drawing Allah or the Prophet ﷺ).
4) Imagine you are explaining Surah An-Nas to a younger child. How would you explain its message in simple words?
5) Write three practical actions you can do every day to apply the lessons of Surah An-Nas.

Critical Thinking & Reflection

1) Why do you think Allah ended the Qur'an with Surah An-Nas after Surah Al-Falaq?
2) What does this surah teach us about the importance of protecting our hearts and thoughts?
3) How can small whispers become big sins if a person does not resist them?
4) What would happen to a person's behavior if they ignored Satan's whispers instead of following them?
5) What is the main lesson you learned from Surah An-Nas, and how will you apply it in your daily life?

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